Development of multi-barrel rocket system

*159. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an indigenously developed multi-barrel rocket system has successfully been tested:

(b) if so, the main features of this system; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken for undertaking the manufacture of this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The multi-barrel rocket system 'PINAKA' is under advance stages of development. So far, 16 series of development. flight trials have been carried out. The system is now ready for user's evaluation trials which are expected to commence in second half of 1995.

(b) This is an area weapon system having quick reaction time, high accuracy, high rate of fire and good mobility characteristics. It is capable of firing a salvo of 12 rockets upto maximum range of about 40 km.

(c) The production agency has been identified and fully associated with the development work to ensure smooth transfer of technology during development phase itself.

Response of industrial sector to liberalisation

*160. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial sector is yet to respond with full vigour to liberalisation measures:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to make the industrial sector more responsive to the economic reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) As per the quick index of industrial production the overall rate of industrial growth in April-November, 1994 is 8.7 percent. The industries are now responding well to the industrial and other economic reforms. The broad based industrial recovery is the result of cumulative success of industrial restructuring, other related sector reforms and the policy initiatives to make Indian industry internationally competitive.

Shifting of AMD's eastern regional headquarters

1480. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Regional Headquarters of Atomic Minerals Division (AMD) under Department of Atomic Energy in Calcctta is being shifted; if so, the reasons therefor:

(b) whether the headquarter was located in Calcutta since the last 37 years;

(c) whether it was earlier decided that AMD Eastern Regional Office in Calcutta would have its own building for office and laboratories and whether space for the same was offered by Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC) as well as by CMDA, Government of West Bengal, if so, why the same was not accepted; and

(d) whether the interaction facility available in Calcutta with different Science and Research Organizations will not be affected by shifting the office?